



Year 1

Half Termly Update

Spring Term 1

Dear Parents,

Happy new year! We hope you had a lovely winter break. We are excited for the year ahead and cannot wait to get started with teaching. As it will be a cold half term, please make sure your child has their coat with them every day. Remember to check that your child's jumper still has their name in so that it doesn't get lost.

Please see below for information about this half term. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Year 1 Team

English

During this term, we will continue to focus on writing skills such as correct letter formation, using capital letters, full stops and spaces between words. We will read a number of exciting books, including: *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen which will inspire them to write their own version with their own choice of characters.

Phonics

The Year 1 children have made good progress with their phonics and they will continue to learn how to decode and segment word to become more fluent and confident with their reading. We will start to prepare them to sit their phonics screening check in June by reading a range of real and 'alien' words. To help them progress remember to read with your child for at least 15 minutes every day.

Maths

We will be building on the children's knowledge of numbers to 20 and moving on to numbers to 50. They will be taught how to count forwards and backwards to 50 whilst also being shown how to read and write numbers in both digits and words. They will represent the value of the digits using concrete resources. Later in the half term, children will begin to look at measurement, where they will learn new mathematical vocabulary. They will also compare, describe and solve practical problems for length and height, mass and weight, and volume and capacity.

Geography

In geography, children will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding of the world by learning the seven continents of the world. Each week they will 'visit' a country from each of the continents and compare the similarities and differences between the weather and geographical features in that country to here in London.

Science

During this half term, we will be learning all about seasons. Children will be exploring the outdoor areas to investigate and observe the different types of weather and seasons. They will look at weather patterns and start to understand what we mean by climate. They will be looking at different types of trees and what happens to the trees when the weather changes. Later on in the year, we will go back to learning seasons and make comparisons to what the weather was like now and then.

PSHE

This half term, children will be looking at 'Me and Others' in weekly PSHE lessons. Children will have the chance to discuss what makes themselves and others special. They will look at different roles and responsibilities people and children have, at home and at school. Most importantly, they will look at the best ways to co-operate with others in a mixture of situations.

P.E.

P.E. lessons will take place on a Monday afternoon, this half term. In P.E. they will begin to learn simple gymnastics techniques, developing balance, agility and coordination by travelling in different ways across space and balancing on small body parts. Children can come to school in their P.E. kit (white top, shorts/tracksuit bottoms and trainers) on their P.E. days.

Music

The children have music lessons on a Monday. They will continue to play chime bars and learn to read simple notation to play a simple tune.

Homework

Please find time to support your child with their homework. They will need to practise their weekly spellings as well as complete tasks on Doodlemaths. The children are expected to read and sign their diary every day. It is important they read out loud to you so you can see if they have understood the story they have read.